



## Opening Doors Update

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# Opening Doors

## Goals of Opening Doors

1. Finish the job of ending chronic homelessness by 2015
2. Prevent and end homelessness among Veterans by 2015
3. Prevent and end homelessness for families, youth, and children by 2020
4. Set a path to ending all types of homelessness



# Annual Update Highlights

- Strong support for Opening Doors
- Opening Doors is still the right roadmap
- Good work happening in context of recession
- Laying the groundwork for future success
  - Better collaboration
  - Better data collection
  - Engaged communities



# Annual Update Highlights

## Key Accomplishments

- Unprecedented collaboration
- Enhanced data collection, analysis, and reporting
- Better use of targeted resources
- Improved access to mainstream resources
- Increased engagement with states and local communities
- President's FY 2012 Budget proposal



# Interagency Collaboration – vouchers and services

- HUD-VASH
- Chronic Signature Initiative with HUD and HHS
- Families with Children Signature Initiative with HUD, HHS and Education



# Collaboration - Veterans

- VA Medical Centers: developing local VA 5 Year Plans; working with local stakeholders
- Increased focus on female Veterans and their families in DOL's HVRP program
- Collaborative work to review barriers to mainstream programs for Veterans
- Interagency prevention pilot in five sites (HUD, VA, Labor)
- Education and VA: working together to improved understanding educational rights of homeless children
- HUD and VA: improving data collection and reporting through 2011 PIT; Vets AHAR; HMIS



# Collaboration – Families

- Significant work on 10K Housing Choice Vouchers Demonstrations
- Weekly interagency engagement
- Common vocabulary discussion
- Impact of HPRP and upcoming ESG
- Engaging Education's state coordinator and local liaisons about local and state involvement
- Broadened participation by Department of Education



# Unaccompanied Youth

- USICH: increasing understanding through program visits and focus groups
- Youth signature initiative: concept development
- HUD and HHS: improving data collection and reporting through 2011 PIT; HMIS/RHYMIS
- More interagency collaboration for foster youth, youth leaving juvenile justice, and LGBTQ youth





## Collaboration – DOJ

- Summit - *Searching for Balance: Civic Engagement in Communities Responding to Homelessness*
- Report: alternatives to criminalization



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